MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FRIENDS OF HAW RIDGE PARK, INC.

June 28, 2012

The Board of Directors of Friends of Haw Ridge Park, Inc. (“FOHR”), met at the Life Development Center in Oak Ridge, TN on June 28, 2012. The meeting was called to order by Steve Dittner, President, and it appearing that a quorum of the Board was present, the meeting continued for the conduct of business. A number of other members of FOHR were also attended. Those present were Steve Dittner, Daniel McFee, Chris Martin, CG Hicks, Doug Colclasure, Paul Richkus, Larry Creach, Lois Martin, Monte Jones, Mark Rodriguez, and Ron Englert.

The Board welcomed a new member, Daniel McFee, who is a City of Oak Ridge police officer.

Paul Richkus gave an extensive presentation of a proposed skills area for the old soccer fields that adjoin the new Melton Hill Phase IV greenway. Paul’s presentation included a detailed diorama of what could be constructed in the soccer fields and a power point presentation of skills structures at other mountain bike parks around the country, including Valmont Park in Boulder, CO. The Board was very appreciative for the obvious hard work and great research evident in the presentation.

There was much discussion about a wide variety of uses in the potential skills area. The concepts which garnered the most discussion were and BMX style pump track and a progressive skills course in which course obstacles would get progressively more difficult and ultimately translate to skills need to ride the mountain bike trails at Haw Ridge. Also discussed was the concept of constructing a cyclo-cross bike course around the perimeter of the skills area. It would be the areas first dedicated cyclo-cross bike course and would attract regular racing and training at Haw Ridge Park. The track would not be difficult to construct and John Baker could be enlisted to help lay out the exact course. Such a track would require a signoff by the City of Oak Ridge, but the consensus was that the City would probably get behind it. There was some discussion about approaching Jon Hetrick and/or Josh Collins with the idea.

The Melton Hill Phase IV project by the City of Oak Ridge was reviewed. Greenway use has significantly increased. The main area parking lot is smaller, and parking along Old Edgemore Road has a history of car vandalism. The old main trail bridge access from the parking lot is getting weak and unsafe. The Board voted to dismantle the bridge and junk the lumber because it is too rotted for reuse.

Lois Martin gave the Treasurer’s report. There is a balance of $3,706.00 in the bank account, after reimbursing Tom Dunigan for some accumulated expenditures.

After a very long assessment and with much input from FOHR, the City of Oak Ridge approved a horse ban at Haw Ridge. Lois Martin and Tom Dunigan ghost wrote the proposal for the Parks and Recreation Board to present to the City. Doug Bataille, Director of Knox County Parks and Recreation, called Josh Collins to explain the Knox County policy on horses. Tom Dunigan attended the meeting and it was approved with little fanfare. Horse riders can petition the City at a later time to reinstate horse ridership, but for now horses are banned.

 Respectfully submitted,

 Chris Martin

 Chris Martin, Board Secretary